



# High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Attendance Matters!

Students who miss more than **ten percent** (or just two days every month) of school days in one year are considered chronically absent.

**Students miss school for a variety of reasons:** illness, doctor's appointments, vacations, or skipping classes because of lack of interest or success. Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty. Regardless of the reason, the effects are real. ***Once freshmen missed ten percent of school days, their odds of graduating dropped below forty percent.***

### What You Can Do

- **Be consistent** and prompt in your **attendance**. Get involved at school with a club or activity.
- Establish and **stick to the basic routines** (going to bed early, waking up on time, etc.) that will help you develop the habit of on-time attendance.
- **Going to school every day** is critical and important unless they are sick. If you are reluctant to go to school, try to find out why by working with a teacher, counselor or trusted adult.
- **Reach out for help** if you are experiencing tough times (e.g. transportation, unstable housing, loss of a job, health problems) There are resources for you through the school and district to help you problem solve or connect you to a needed resource.
- If you are absent, **work with the teacher** to make sure you have an opportunity to learn and make up for the academics missed.

Sources: [Practical Leadership](#) and [Attendance Works](#)



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## Did You Know?

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

Source: [Attendance Works](#)